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'ROLLING STONES' CASTLE SPECTACULAR REJECTED

"Henry VII would turn in his grave."

"Henry VII, who was born in our castle, would turn in his grave if we permitted this" declared Ald. J. R. Williams on Monday night when Pembroke Borough Council at a special meeting turned down by 16 votes to 4 an application to stage a TV spectacular featuring the "Rolling Stones" in Pembroke Castle on September 22nd, and 23rd.

The application was made by Great Western Enterprises Ltd, in which Lord Harlech and Welsh film star, Stanley Baker are closely connected.

Refusal was predictable, for the council had twice previously turned down similar applications for the use of the castle.

It was also in line with the decision of the Cardiff City Corporation who earlier this month declined to allow the organisers the use of Cardiff Castle.

Great Western Enterprises proposed a formidable programme with Billy Preston, Man, the London Welsh Choir, Ryan and Ronnie, Stan Stennett and possibly another group in support of the Rolling Stones but it was evident from the first that the majority of the members were behind Ald. Williams motion to reject the application on the grounds of safety and the lack of amenities in the castle to cater for the thousands of fans expected to attend.

Stressing that the show was estimated to attract 24,000 fans which would bring the organisers £60,000 in entrance fees—a sum which would be bumped up considerably by television royalties—Ald. Williams said wistfully "Yet they have the impudence to offer us a paltry £1,000 for the use of the castle! That sum

one entrance to the castle the Town Clerk said the Police considered the application had been made far too late; that they needed six months to consider it.

"Squares"

Ald. Ernie Morgan claimed the application put the council in an awkward position. "If we permit it we will be greeted with a lot of angry shouting but on the other hand if we turn it down, the young fans who already claim we provide nothing for their entertainment will call us 'squares'," he said. "However I agree that to put 10,000 fans in there, the castle will not have seen anything like it since Oliver Cromwell forced its surrender. talk about the Stones there would be stones flying everywhere!"

Mrs. Dureau was the only one of the three lady members present to support the application, but when she went on to speak of the present advertisement of the visit of the Rolling Stones to Pembroke and suggested that in any event tradespeople were insured against broken windows Ald. Mrs. Phyllis Peachey intervened. "I'm surprised at you, Mrs. Dureau. if you had any experience of that sort of thing you would not speak like that!" she continued.

When Mrs. Peachey said that her husband was not the only licensee in the town who would close his premises if the show went on Ald. Wrench exclaimed "That is another reason against granting the application. Pembroke people would not be able to have their Saturday night drink."

"You are speaking as if the fans who attend these festivals are a lot of rabble whereas the great maj-

ority of them are decent young people interested in music," retorted Mrs. Dureau.

End of Democracy and Intelligence
Mrs. Dureau said it was regrettable that at their last meeting they had witnessed the end of democracy when an official of the County Council told them they could no longer have their annual Charter Fair in the Main Street.

"What is worse, here tonight we have lost our intelligence" she charged.

Mr. Donald Kingdom suggested the agreement with the organisers could be amended to limit the attendance in the cause of safety but the Deputy Mayor (Mr. W. H. D. Griffiths) confessed that while he knew he would be bringing the wrath of his three daughters down upon him he would vote against.

Replying to the suggestion that the Rolling Stones would give Pembroke much needed publicity he countered "All who have been in Pembroke during the last three weeks or so will know that Pembroke is already well known-in fact many local people have been complaining that they cannot walk on the pavements."

Death Trap

Speaking as an ex-police officer, Mr. J. H. Gough agreed the police

would need six months to make the necessary arrangements for such an influx of people. He considered the entrance to the castle would be a death trap.

Assuring the council he was only concerned with the public safety, the Borough Surveyor (Mr. H. S. Halpin) pointed out that the castle entrance gate was only 8ft. 10ins. wide. On the national calculation that 180 persons per minute could pass through such a space it would take 1hr 7mins for 12,000 people to pass through—and that was assuming there was no emergency.

After pointing out the dangers of people being squashed or falling from the battlements Mr. Halpin added "There is a real risk of someone being crushed: indeed of a fatality and I must warn against it."

After the meeting Mr. Brian Phillips, one of the four to vote in favour of the Festival, complained to our reporter that members had expressed their own personal feelings without taking into consideration the feelings of the inhabitants.

The other three in favour were:—Mrs. Dureau, Alfred Fensom and Donald Kingdom.

Ald. J. A. Meyrick Owen abstained from voting.

FARMER LOSES LEG

A 37-year-old agricultural contractor, Mr. Gwiliam Rowland John, of Lambston Farm, Portfield Gate, Haverfordwest, had his left leg amputated below the knee after a farming accident on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. John was engaged at Trefane Farm, Roch, in clearing the hopper of a combine harvester at about 1.55 p.m. when his foot became caught in the auger.

Police, firemen and an ambulance crew, together with Dr. Gillam, of Solva, rushed to the scene.

Firemen using cutting equipment worked for two hours to release him. Mr. John was rushed to the County Hospital and underwent an emergency operation in which his left leg had to be amputated below the knee.

Mr. John was said on Thursday to be "quite comfortable."

DIED AFTER NEWGALE BARBECUE



A 26-year-old married man, Mr. Kenneth John Evans, 28, Jenkins Close, Merlins Bridge, Haverfordwest, died at the County Hospital on Sunday as a result of an accident in which he was involved the previous day.

Mr. Evans, an employee of Wondroloaf, Johnston, had attended a barbecue organised by the Pembroke Motor Club at Newgale Beach.

It is believed he fell from the back of a pick-up truck which was parked in the car park. He was rushed to hospital but died the following day.

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Ald. Williams said he had received more than a dozen calls from people living in the vicinity of the castle and elsewhere in the Borough urging "For goodness sake don't let them come to Pembroke".

"The organisers have naively stated they want to come to Pembroke so as to stage their own show in a Welsh Castle" he went on "For my part they are welcome to go anywhere they like in England. Cardiff have already turned them down, Pembroke I think will do the same, in fact I do not think they will be able to go to any castle in Wales".

OSTENDE DASH

The Alderman's prediction proved correct but there was some criticism afterwards that Mr. John Martin, who had dashed from Ostende to attend the meeting on behalf of the applicant was not permitted to speak. Nor was his colleague Mr. John Long of Llanelli, though both indicated they had put in a request that they be allowed to do so.

In a letter to the Town Clerk, (Col. R. D. Lowless) Mr. Martin had intimated that both he and Mr. Stanley Baker would welcome the opportunity of addressing the meeting and had expressed the hope that "where Cardiff had failed, Pembroke would succeed".

At the outset the Town Clerk referred to the large advertisements and publicity given in the Music world press and added: "Ninety-nine per cent of it is completely inaccurate. We did not invite them to come here and as far as the references to 'secret talks' are concerned there have been none whatever as far as I am aware."

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SIX MONTHS PRISON

At a special court at Haverfordwest on Thursday morning John Joseph McBride (36), of no fixed abode, was gaoled for a total of six months.

He pleaded guilty to maliciously wounding Mr. Edward Morgan Phillips Fishguard, damaging Mr. Phillips's spectacles to the extent of £10, and damaging by kicking a car belonging to Miss Joy Rowe, Fishguard.

Chief Inspector Stubbs said the two aggrieved persons were employed at the Department of Social Security. Mr. Phillips was walking along the car park at Cherry Grove at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday towards Miss Rowe's car in which Miss Rowe was already seated. McBride, who was "shadow boxing" in the car park, kicked Miss Rowe's car and she asked him, "What the devil are you doing?" When Mr. Phillips spoke to him McBride struck him, breaking his spectacles. McBride was held in a melee and the police were summoned. McBride told Sgt. Harries, who arrived with PC Lewis, "Yes, I did it because I want to go to prison."

Police moves

The following promotions and transfers have been announced by the Dyfed Powys Constabulary: Sgt. F. C. Hughes, Haverfordwest; Sgt. G. I. Jones, Llandrindod Wells; PC D. N. Morgan, Traffic Dept., Haverfordwest; PC J. S. James to sergeant at Headquarters.

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SHOALS HOOK LANE INQUIRY COMMENTS

All this applicant seeks to get is official recognition for what he has been doing for a very long time, to the satisfaction of the customers and to the annoyance of nobody except the letter-writing talented obdurate solicitor Mr. Howell P. Williams at a public inquiry at Haverfordwest on Wednesday.

Mr. Williams was appearing for Mr. Thomas William Jenkins Mill Cottage, Mill Bank, Haverfordwest, the principal of Messrs. A. Jenkins and Son who appealed against the refusal of Haverfordwest RDC to consent to the use of buildings for agricultural repairs and garage at Shoals Hook Lane.

"Since 1971," added Mr. Williams, "the objector has set about getting rid of Mr. Jenkins and whatever little enterprise he wished to carry on opposite his home."

The objector to whom Mr. Williams referred was Mr. J. H. Ambrey, a senior clerk with the County Council, who lives at Fox Chase Bungalow opposite the Jenkins' site.

Mr. Williams suggested that if it had not been for a "fluke," Mr. Ambrey would never have been in Fox Chase, which was built as an agricultural worker's dwelling.

"An agricultural worker would never have objected to anything Mr. Jenkins was doing for the furtherance of agricultural production and ancillary matters," he suggested.

Mr. Ambrey had bombarded the various councils with letters—and the Press—and attended public meetings to put his point of view, which because of his position he could do and knew how to do.

Mr. Williams told the inspector, "I have not the slightest doubt, though I have not had the opportunity of putting it to him that he prepared, typed and circulated the petition before you. The witnesses who have supported Mr. Jenkins here today will not mind if I say the language in which it is couched is not the sort of language you get from residents in Cardigan Road."

Earlier Mr. Howell Williams gave an assurance that Mr. Jenkins, fitter with the County Council, did not seek to set up a huge empire but merely to put on a proper basis the repair and service of his own and farmers' vehicles and implements.

"It has never been suggested," continued Mr. Williams, "that this trade would increase traffic; there would be more if Mr. Jenkins went over to concrete block making full time."

"Mr. Jenkins had been repairing vehicles down this lane without detriment to the amenities, since 1951, when the nearest houses were 87 yards away. The lane was used only by Mr. Ambrey, Mr. Jenkins and the farmer at Shoals Hook and when the vehicle repair plan was put to the RDC originally they favoured it with conditions of hours of work, which were accepted."

Referring to a letter from the Council for the Preservation of Rural Wales, he commented, "I would like to know whether they were put up to it because I cannot imagine them concerning themselves about this for it certainly does not detract from rural Wales."

County Council. They then had full-time staff, with each lorry taking 300-400 blocks.

PHOTOGRAPHS OBJECTION

Mr. Wyn Thomas appeared for the County Council and a number of photographs were produced said to have been taken at the site in 1971.

Mr. Jenkins was asked if he would like to comment on them, but Mr. Williams objected to claim these were inadmissible as Mr. Ambrey and no one else was there to produce negative or to provide them.

The inspector: Are you suggesting these are fabricated?

"I won't say they are fabricated but they are biased," replied Mr. Williams.

"THEY'LL KILL ME," CRIES ACCUSED MAN

Dennis George Edward Ward (35) 55, St. Issells Avenue, Merlins Bridge, Haverfordwest, pleaded guilty at Haverfordwest Sessions on Monday to two charges of indecently assaulting a boy under the age of sixteen years.

Dates of the alleged offences were between January 1st and December 31st, 1971 and between July 7th and 8th, 1973.

Defendant pleaded guilty and elected summary trial.

P.S. John Harries (prosecuting) said on July 12th defendant was interviewed by D. C. Lloyd and Det Sgt. Owens. Certain allegations were put to him and he made a statement.

"In this case it would be better for all concerned if I gave you a copy of this statement to read," added the Sgt. "It will show you the circumstances much better than I could possibly explain."

Mr. Stephen Beesley (for defendant) agreed to this course and invited the Bench to read also the Social Enquiry and psychiatric reports.

Referring to the list of previous convictions read to the court, Mr. Beesley said none of them was remotely connected with these charges. Defendant had been clear of serious trouble for six years.

"UNFORTUNATE VICTIM"

Describing Ward as "the unfortunate victim of an unhappy background," Mr. Beesley said he had been placed on probation three times. He needed constant help, guidance and support, his most previous offence being manslaughter for which he was gaoled for twelve months at Surrey Assizes in 1963.

"It was the killing of his own child," continued the defence solicitor. "It distresses him when it is

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Mr. Jenkins said there would be no petrol storage tanks on the site, where there was now a 200-ton diesel tank.

Appellant informed the inspector that the large building at the entrance to the lane was a joinery business up to three months ago but its change of use to a sales and auction centre for Mr. Noott had been approved, with a big increase in traffic.

Appellant said he repaired his own and seven or eight family cars and also had a public service motor bus which he bought six months ago.

When the inspector mentioned a number of new pedestrian accesses to the lane Mr. Williams said he had been unable to find out to whom the

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ARRESTED ON TANKER WRECK

Milford Haven police officers arrested a naked man as he left the wrecked tanker Dona Marika near Lindsay Bay, St. Ishmaels, on Wednesday night.

The man, who arrived in the area that day, was taken to Milford Haven Police Station.

A police spokesman said on Thursday, "It is true that a man was apprehended and that he has been helping us with our enquiries."

AIR GUN FIRED ON TO BEACH

As a result of a complaint that an air rifle was fired into the sea and on to Gellyswick beach from Hubberston Fort, two youths appeared in Milford Court on Wednesday.

Brian Carter (20), 42 Glebelands Hakin and Trevor John Bevan (18) 70 Glebelands, pleaded guilty to trespassing on land whilst in possession of a firearm.

Inspector Brian Thomas told the Court that Mr. W. A. Philipps of London, a principal of Haven Marine Terminal Company, the owners of Hubberston Fort, had stated that no permission had or would be given for anyone to carry or use firearms there. At 3.15 pm on June 15th Mr. Frederick Etherington of 17 St. Lawrence Avenue was supervising from a canoe two 12-year-old Sea Scouts who were in another canoe. As they were passing Hubberston Farm he saw a splash in the water about 60 feet ahead of the canoe and realised that they were being fired upon. Mr. Etherington saw three or four boys standing on the Fort and shouted to them to watch what they were doing. The boys paused and Mr. Etherington then saw one aim an air rifle and fire downwards towards the beach where a woman and three children were sitting. The woman jumped up. Mr. Etherington again shouted to the youths to cut it out. He could not identify them individually except that the one who fired the rifle was much bigger and broader than the others. Mr. Etherington landed at Gellyswick and telephoned the police from the Yacht Club.

At 3.30 pm added the Inspector PC Dudley went to Gellyswick and met Bevan carrying a covered air rifle. Asked about the incident Bevan agreed that it was Carter who fired the airgun.

Seen at 4.5 pm Carter denied shooting from the top of the Fort into the sea, saying "I didn't. I've got more sense than that. I only fired into the Fort." Asked who fired the gun on to the beach

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